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1. WE RAISED QUESTION OF GSP OFFER ON TOBACCO WITH KESTER HEASLIP, ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. DRAWING TO REFS (A) AND (B) WE EMPHASIZED USG OPPOSITION TO USE OF GSP TO MEET TROPICAL PRODUCTS MTN OBLIGATIONS.

2. HEASLIP TOOK NOTE OF US OBJECTIONS, AND HE INFORMED US THAT GOI HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN SOME THOUGHT TO GSP OFFER ON TOBACCO. FEELING OF IRISH GOVERNMENT WAS THAT - DESPITE ITALIAN INTEREST IN TOBACCO - THIS IS THE LEAST EC CAN DO TO HELP THE LDC'S, PARTICULARLY SUCH COUNTRIES AS INDIA. WE DREW HEASLIP'S ATTENTION TO PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF GSP OFFER (PARAGRAPH 4 REF A) AS QUALIFIED BY REF B. HEASLIP UNDERTOOK TO EXAMINE PROPOSED MODIFICATION AND TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO US ARGUMENTS. HE TOOK NOTE OF THE FAILURE OF COUNCIL TO REACH DECISION (REF C) AND HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD DECISION IS TO BE TAKEN BY COREPER.

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EM COMMENT: WHILE THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HEASLIP UNDERSTANDS

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USG POSITION AS WELL AS IMPLICATIONS OF SECTION 301 ACTION, WE
BELIEVE THAT IRISH GOVERNMENT SYMPATHIES IN THIS CASE INCLINE
TOWARD THE LDC'S. CURLEY

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